



Corres. and Mail
BOX AF

AF/2811
Attention: Box After Final
Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Expedited Procedure Requested
Examining Group 2811

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2210

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Katsuhiko HIEDA, et al. /) Group Art Unit: 2811
Serial No.: 09/469,190 /) Examiner: Vu, Hung K.
Filed: December 21, 1999 /)
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND)
METHOD FOR)
MANUFACTURING THE SAME)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action dated March 11, 2003, with a period for response extending through June 11, 2003, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration in view of the following remarks:

REMARKS

According to the Examiner, claims 1 – 10, 15, and 17 – 30 are pending, with claims 1 – 10, 15, 17, 18, and 20 – 30 withdrawn from consideration as drawn to a nonelected invention.

The Examiner again only examined claim 19 on the merits in the Final Office Action.¹

¹ The Examiner withdrew claims 1 – 9, 17, 18, and 20 on September 13, 2001; withdrew claim 19 on March 27, 2001; and withdrew claims 1 – 10, 15, 17, 18, and 20 – 30 on September 24, 2002. The Examiner reinstated claim (continued...)

FINNEGAN
HENDERSON
FARABOW
GARRETT &
DUNNER LLP

1300 I Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005
202.408.4000
Fax 202.408.4400
www.finnegan.com

RECEIVED
JUN 13 2003
IC 2800 MAIL ROOM

#22
Reg box
Recon.
J. Marinella
7/9/03